

WS 1022G GENDER, JUSTICE, CHANGE

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The 21st century is a time of crisis and opportunity for issues of gender, justice and change. This interdisciplinary course will introduce students to the ways in which movements for justice and change are informed by and take up gender issues in struggles for economic empowerment, education, health, poverty alleviation, human rights, environmental protection, peacebuilding, good governance and political representation.

Course Objectives and Student Learning Outcomes

This course seeks to enable students to accomplish the following objectives:

1. To demonstrate an understanding of contemporary issues in gender, justice and change;
2. To describe and critically analyze how gender issues are integrated into social, political, economic and environmental movements;
3. To optimize student learning through course readings, lectures, films, case studies, guest speakers, debates as well as written and verbal participation; and
4. To provide students with the opportunity to relate course content to their daily lives, future studies and careers.

Course Texts and Resources:

1. Cynthia Enloe. *Bananas, Beaches and Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Politics. [Second Edition]*. 2014. University of California Press.
2. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. *We Should All Be Feminists*. 2014. Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group.
3. Wangari Maathai. *Unbowed: A Memoir*. 2007. Anchor Books.